

Lisa Smith

From: Hannah Barker
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence
Attachments: RE Docket #20200226-SU Environmental Utilities Proposed Sewer; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Little Gasparilla Island Sewer proposal; RE Re. Docket#20200226-SU; RE #20200226-SU; RE RE. Docket #20200226-SU; RE Docket #20200226-SU; RE Don Pedro Island Sewer Project; RE Deny EU's application for original certificate Docket # 20200226-SU

Good afternoon,

Please place the attached emails in Docket No. 20200226.

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Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:16 PM
To: 'Dale Novak'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU / Environmental Utilities Proposed Sewer

Dear Dale and Julie Novak,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

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Sincerely,

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From: Dale Novak <dnovak@novakcreative.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU / Environmental Utilities Proposed Sewer

January 23, 2022

Florida Public Service Commission
LaRosa, Clark, Passidomo
Clerk of the Commission

Re: Docket #20200226-SU / Environmental Utilities Proposed Sewer

Dear Commissioners:

As I am sure you are aware, the barrier islands known as Don Pedro, Palm Island, Knight Island & Little Gasparilla, and the homeowners thereof, are in the process of being subjected to a central sewer system as proposed by Jack Boyer of Environmental Utilities (EU).

As a property and homeowner on Don Pedro Island, we are without reservation opposed to this proposal as detailed below.

1) There is absolutely no “environmental” need for the system. Most of the septic systems on the island have been updated and further, most are tested yearly to meet environmental standards (both state and county). There has also been numerous new homes built on the islands in the last several years. Those new homes have met or exceeded the requirements for an environmentally efficient waste disposal system.

2) Our water quality has NOT been effected by the septic systems on the islands. The primary driver of the pollution and water issues is flowing down the Caloosahatchee river via releases from Lake Okeechobee. This is well documented by Captains for Clean Water, an environmental group based in Fort Myers — of which we are Members.

3) The EU has no experience — and no track record for providing sewer service. How it is possible for a company to have no experience in a project of this scale and complexity, and be considered and approved to provide this service is beyond words. It seems so immensely illogical that it's akin to handing the controls of a 747 full of passengers to a person with no flying experience. It is absolutely absurd. Have the Commissioners considered the possible outcomes, or possible solutions, if the EU goes bankrupt during this process, or fails to meet any memorable timetable? Or, if the systems they are proposing simply fail to work? What happens if the system fails and dumps millions of gallons of waste water into our waterways? Will the EU be able to financially absorb and correct a failure of that magnitude — or will they just pass the cost on to the property owners? What about storm damage? Will the EU be able to restore service in a timely manner entirely at their cost — or once again, is their plan to pass on those expenses to the property owners? It appears that the entire EU proposal is based on passing ALL OF THE COSTS on to the property owners. Imagine FPL doing that after every storm or failure of the electrical grid.

4) The EU has shown zero accountability to demonstrate their ability to reasonably finance their proposal other than to suggest that all the costs will be burdened to the property owners. It is absolutely implausible to think that every property owner on the barrier islands can simply write checks for unknown amounts in perpetuity. The response by the EU to this complexity thus far is for the property owner to simply “get a loan” to pay for it. Again, this is beyond any sort of logical explanation. We don't own a money printing press.

5) Some homes have been recently built. The investment cost to install brand new septic systems could easily range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. These homes and builders have followed every rule and procedure, including permitting, to install these systems. Why does the Charlotte County continue to allow homes to be built, and for septic/drain fields to be added, if they are environmentally defective? It is incredibly irrational to think that a recently built home, or an older home with a brand new system installed, that was properly permitted, would now be asked to light a match to the money they spent on that system without compensation by the EU or County to remove it. Imagine if you purchased a brand new gasoline powered car for \$50,000 and were now being “dictated to” by Charlotte County and a private company that you must purchase an electric car — and your brand new car was to be crushed and sold for scrap. Does that sound reasonable and fair? That is exactly

what's happening here.

6) The EU has no technical expertise in the venture. Zero. This is a disaster just waiting to happen and Charlotte County will be on the hook for the accountability of their actions in this matter when the entire process starts to unravel and fail. The EU will NOT be able to recover financially from a mass failure of the system without passing on ALL of the costs to the property owners. This is a brand new "for profit" venture with no guardrails whatsoever.

7) The EU has not demonstrated or provided any forecast of service costs other to suggest some canyon size ranges of proposed costs. "We don't know what it will cost yet" seems to be the answer — which is no answer of course. Plus, there is the connection cost which, again, seems to be a wide range from about \$10,000 to \$30,000 depending on the complexity. There's also the question of property rights with no compensation for the homeowner and the intrusion to their property. The fact that this unproven system, by a start-up company with no experience, will dictate that every homeowner be required to hook up to the system seems unconstitutional to me — given that it's a private company.

8) There seems to be a mandate that would also require every homeowner to install a back-up generator system to be able to prevent a back-up of the system in the event of a power interruption ... which happens often on the island. Again, the fact that a private company will "force" me to install a very expensive generator system just to ensure that their private system doesn't fail is just piling on the absurdity. Does any of this seem logical — to anyone?

We love these barrier islands. It's a unique lifestyle for sure. We understand that living out here is a personal choice. I think that the vast majority of property owners are uniquely in sync with our sensitive environment. We want what's best for our waters, which we all enjoy. For us, we just don't see the EU proposal to be based on any scientific fact, or more importantly, that they have zero experience in building or operating a sewer utility company. We all know what this entire proposal is actually about — the EU making money as a private company. It's not about helping our waterways or environment. It's about profit. It always is.

We ask, respectfully, that the State consider the property owners who choose to live on the islands, have a voice in this matter. In fact, we demand it. As such, we ask that the PSC deny the EU's application for central wastewater service.

Regards,

Dale & Julie Novak
611 Bocilla Drive
Don Pedro Island
920.664.1088

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:15 PM
To: 'Brad Roberts'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Roberts,

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From: Brad Roberts <bradr@classiccoatings.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

January 23, 2022

Dear Commissioner Clark,

My name is Brad Roberts and I am a resident at 450 S. Gulf Blvd in Placida Florida. We live on Don Pedro Island and are strongly opposed to allowing EU to proceed with the installation of sewers on our island. Not that we are opposed to sewers but we are opposed to EU and their owner to manage a project of this size given his lack of experience in this field.

It is my opinion that this is a job that the county should be doing if it needs to be done. The county has people on staff that have much more experience in this area than anyone at EU. Given Mr. Boyars record with the Little Gasparilla Water Company, I find it hard to believe that the county is even considering EU to apply for the Certificate of Authorization.

Please record my opposition to this matter and encourage you to vote down this Certificate of Authorization for EU.

Brad Roberts

150 S. Gulf Blvd

Placida Florida 33946

Don Pedro Island

Cell: 920-912-6906

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:15 PM
To: 'Gregory A. Hearing'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Hearing,

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From: Gregory A. Hearing <Gregory.Hearing@gray-robinson.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU
Importance: High

My name is Greg Hearing. I am a homeowner on Little Gasparilla Island (LGI). I am writing to express my strong opposition to the EU's application for wastewater service covering LGI and other local barrier islands.

LGI is a unique part of what little is left of old Florida. There are no roads, no commercial operations and no tourism on the LGI. It is important to keep LGI that way for generations to

come. The EU's application would disturb the natural habitat of the island and start it down the inevitable road to commercialization. We islanders love the island and take very good care to preserve it, including annually servicing and inspecting our septic tanks. The County charges us a fee for our tanks and makes sure they are inspected and safe for the environment annually. In fact, we have yet to see any water quality study of LGI area water which indicates that we are harming the environment. We are more concerned that a subaqueous sewer pipe system crossing the bay from LGI to the mainland poses a much more significant threat to the area water quality than our septic tanks. One serious spill by a subaqueous pipe system will ruin the bay. Hundreds of small leaks along the pipeline would do the same and may not even be discoverable.

We believe the EU is only arguing that our septic tanks harm the environment for its own clear economic advantage. The EU, which didn't win the right to provide wastewater service to LGI by a public bid process, stands to make a lot of money off the islanders if its application is approved. The hookup fee alone will be devastating to the islanders not to mention that the monthly fee will be more than twice what it is on the mainland in Placida for water and wastewater combined. Moreover, islanders would have to use their own electric to run the system and many homes may not have the capacity to do so bringing the cost up for such islanders even more. We believe that the EU doesn't have the experience or the economic stamina to take on what is a classic local government function. If we have to go to a sewer system, the County should install and maintain it rather than letting an inexperienced private entity that is way in over its head financially and technically attempt to do it. The County would likely have to come in after the fact and clean up the mess. It is my understanding that the EU has never built out and/or run a sewer system. In contrast, the County is an expert at it. So, if LGI has to go to a sewer system due to environmental concerns, then the County should install and operate it. That way, it will be handled well and be financially manageable for island residents.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful attention to this important island issue.

Respectfully,

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Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:15 PM
To: 'Vicki Elsberry'
Subject: RE: Little Gasparilla Island Sewer proposal

Dear Ms. Elsberry,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Vicki Elsberry <vickielsberry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Little Gasparilla Island Sewer proposal

I have sent a letter to the commission and La Rosa can't figure out how to send a copy to you. I don't have time to retype it. Please see if it is possible for them to send you a copy. I feel very strongly about this issue. I am a fifth generation Floridian and seems like another way to exclude the average citizen from access to Florida beaches .
Sincerely Vicki Elsberry

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:14 PM
To: 'Pete Hosmer'
Subject: RE: Re. Docket#20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Hosmer,

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From: Pete Hosmer <petehosmer@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re. Docket#20200226-SU

My name is Pete Hosmer and I am the property owner of Lot #14 on Don Pedro Island for over 47 years.

I am writing to you today in opposition to the proposed EU central sewer system. Specifically, I do not feel there is a need for this service since everything on the Island is working perfectly. Also, I am concerned about the technical expertise of the EU. This is not a project for some individual company with little experience. If it is deemed necessary, then it should be a county project.

I am also concerned about the financial responsibility of EU and all of the associated charges and rates.

So, I am objecting to this proposal and respectfully ask you to deny the Application for Original Certification of Authorization.

Thank you,
Pete Hosmer

petehosmer@comcast.net

Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:14 PM
To: 'Jack Steen'
Subject: RE: #20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Steen,

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From: Jack Steen <turnersteen@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioners LaRosa, Passidomo, Clark and Clerk of the PSC

I have been a property owner for 31 years on Don Pedro Island. I object to the County granting an application for a wastewater license to Environmental

Utilities LLC.

This application is on the agenda for February 8, 2022- #20200226-SU

I am not objecting to the sewer per se. If there is a need due to environmental issues I would be in favor of a sewers system to replace our septic tanks. My concerns stem from the lack of experience and financial background of the applicant in question.

If there are studies that show a need for a system, I would be in favor of a county run utility with ongoing maintenance and service with the best interest of the homeowners, county and environment at the forefront of your decision making.

Please deny this request.

Thank you,

Jack Steen

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Don Pedro Island

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616.450.5796

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To: 'Vicki Hosmer'
Subject: RE: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

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Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Passidomo <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE. Docket #20200226-SU

My family has owned Lot #14 on Bocilla Way on Don Pedro Island since 1974. We are now four generations on the Island. We live in Sarasota so are not full time residents of the Island, but over the last 47 years have enjoyed many hours on the Island.

We were very concerned upon learning of the application by EU for wastewater service to the Island. A concern is the expertise of the applicant. We find no history of EU previously completing a job of this size. Another major concern is the cost factor. I am a retired school teacher. We were told the estimated cost of look up would be \$20K per our small unit. We also understand there would be additional costs of electrical hook up, need for a generator and larger than average monthly bills. This is a huge amount apparently payable on demand and does not seem to be a reasonable amount. Several years ago we had a sewer hook up in our Sarasota home done by Sarasota County. The cost of that hook up was 1/3 this amount.

No water quality testing has been done in our area to prove the need for sewer. EU has not provided plans for a potential water spill in the Intercoastal; system maintenance and what would be done in potential service failure during a storm.

I urge you to deny the application by EU for wastewater service to Don Pedro Island.

Thank you,

Vicki B. Hosmer

vbhosmer@comcast.net

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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:13 PM
To: 'Sarah Turner'
Subject: RE: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Ms. Turner,

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From: Sarah Turner <sarah@turnersteen.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner Clark,

I am a property tax payor for 31 years on Don Pedro Island. My name is Sarah Turner and my husband and I purchased our place in January of 1991. I am objecting to the granting of an application for a wastewater license to Environmental

Utilities LLC.

This application is on the docket for February 8, 2022- #20200226-SU

I am not objecting to the sewer per se. If it is needed and is proved by taking water samples around the island, I am ok with a sewer being necessary. The problem that I have is that the person that is applying for a license to build and operate this utility.

EU LLC has no experience in this area and I am worried about the financial and technical wherewithal. What if the project hits a few snags? This is highly likely. Shouldn't this be contracted or bid situation? The person who applies first gets it? Doesn't the county have a lot of responsibility here?

Please vote down this request.

Thank you,

Sarah Turner

sarah@turnersteen.com

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Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:12 PM
To: 'terry kent'
Subject: RE: Don Pedro Island Sewer Project

Dear Mr. Kent,

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From: terry kent <terryakent1031@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:38 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: Don Pedro Island Sewer Project

Commissioner Clark,
My Name is Terry Kent
470 Bocilla Dr.
Don Pedro Island

Up front I want to voice my opinion on why we do not want a sewer at this present time.

After reading over the proposal my first comment is "This proposal is a solution looking for a problem."

Why I am against this:

A. I do not believe at this time we have a problem on sewerage that needs addressing. No proven reason why we need it.

B. If we need a sewer that should be up to the county to address and to tax us accordingly .

- C. Uncertain Hook-up Cost: When EU first presented to PIE, the connection fee was estimated at approx. \$20K per unit. When the rates and tariffs were finally submitted by the applicant, the requested Service Availability Charge per ERC was reduced to total estimated \$13,221.
- D. No contract...normally for this type of construction there is a general bid. EU is not a contractor that has won a bid to install sewer.
- E. No performance bond required.
- F. EU has not shown that he has the expertise for this type of project.
- G. The scope of this project would be large...disruption of traffic flow on the island would be horrible. We are accessed only by ferry.
- H. No compensation for the easements that would be from the house to the road.

Commissioner, I would ask that you deny this 1/2 baked idea be shelved until we have a problem that needs to be solved. And not let someone who thinks we have a problem for him to solve. Please deny the EU application.

Thank you,
Terry Kent

Lisa Smith

From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:12 PM
To: 'daulenti43@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Deny EU's application for original certificate Docket # 20200226-SU

Dear Mr. Aulenti,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Application for certificate to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County, by Environmental Utilities, LLC– Docket No. 20200226. I know how concerning it can be when presented with a possible change regarding utilities.

I have had the opportunity to hear from many of you over the past few months, both in person at our service hearings, and through the countless emails I have received. I want to stress how valuable the customer perspective is to me. Tomorrow the parties in this case will be filing briefs, laying out their arguments, and we are scheduled to make a decision the morning of Tuesday, May 3rd at our monthly Agenda Conference. If you would like to watch the Agenda Conference you may go to FloridaPSC.com, where it will be live streamed.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your concerns.

Sincerely,

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To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
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Subject: Deny EU's application for original certificate Docket # 20200226-SU

My name is Richard Aulenti and I live at 120 N. Gulf Blvd. on Knight Island. My wife and I have lived in our home for the past 18 years.

Location:

We live on Knight Island which is accessed by driving onto a barge and crossing over the Intercoastal. 8 cars maximum allowed and weight restrictions enforced. The barge is pushed across the Intercoastal by way of a Tugboat. Heavy winds, low water tides, commercial and emergency vehicles, bikes and walk on passengers are also involved which makes the crossing complex.

Sand roads.

Mainly single family homes

Many lots are held by a Conservancy and will remain undeveloped.

No high density high rises.

No commercial structures outside of the Resort Resort has 3 stories maximum and they have their own sewer system.

Need:

Our septic is routinely maintained and working perfectly. It was engineered as per Charlotte County's building code. It works.

New single family homes are being built on Island and new septic systems are being built to Charlotte County's specifications. If Charlotte county did not feel these systems worked why would they issue a permit?

Hardship:

Many homeowners are retired.

We live on a fixed income.

To finance replacing a WORKING septic with an untried sewer and pay two thousand dollars a year in monthly fees would cause many Islanders to have to sell.

Competence:

The applicant has no evidence of prior experience with wastewater removal.

The applicant needs to prove financial capability. What if he goes bankrupt?

The applicant needs to provide a performance bond for a project.

The applicant has a questionable track record.

Who will be responsible for systems failing?

We request you Deny EU's Application.

Thank you.

Richard Aulenti

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Sent from my iPad